

ISSUANCE OF BUSINESS VISA TO SRI LANKA

An intended traveler visiting Sri Lanka for business purpose as indicated below, are required to apply for a Business Visa. The applicants should obtain ETA approval prior to his/her intended visit to Sri Lanka through www.eta.gov.lk or the Sri Lankan Missions abroad. However, applying through the ETA is encouraged in order to avoid unwanted delays

- a. Participate in business meetings and negotiations
- **b.** Participate in conferences, workshops and seminars
- c. To take part in short term training programs (less than one month)
- d. Participate in art, music and dance events
- e. Participate in religious events
- f. Participate in symposium

Applying for Business Visa through the Embassy

Applicant who wishes to apply for Business visa through the Embassy should submit the following documents. Applicants are advised to submit their applications at least one month prior to the intended visit

- **a.** Application for Business Visa (Form B). Applications could be obtained from the Consular Section of the Embassy.
- **b.** Passport, which should have at least 06 months validity period from the date of arrival in Sri Lanka.
- **c.** Recently taken colour photograph (passport size 4.5c.m.x3.5c.m).
- **d.** A letter addressed to the Ambassador of the Embassy of Sri Lanka, Abu Dhabi by the Company/Organization in UAE requesting visa to the person concerned which include purpose of the visit, designation of the applicant etc.
- **e.** Letter of Invitation by the Sri Lankan Company/Organization to the applicant concerned in UAE, OR a letter to the Embassy by the Sri Lankan Company/Organization in respect of the visit.
- **f.** Visa fee of AED 150.00, SAARC Countries AED 110.00, should be made in cash at the Embassy.

Note: Persons who wish to obtain long term employment visa in Sri Lanka should make application with relevant documentary proof of his/her intent of business purpose to visit Sri Lanka through the local agent in Sri Lanka to Visa Section of the Department of Immigration and Emigration, Colombo. The Embassy shall issue an entry visa to the applicant on submission of a letter of approval issued by the Department of Immigration and Emigration, Colombo.